

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
SB 3418 – HB 3834

April 9, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016706): Deletes the language of the original bill. Defines “local telephone directory” as a directory distributed by a telephone company or directory publisher, or provided as a service to subscribers located in the local exchanges contained in the directory. Makes it an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977* to misrepresent the geographic location of a person by listing a fictitious business name or an assumed business name in a local telephone directory or on the Internet. Violations are punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action and as a Class B misdemeanor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov’t Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov’t Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

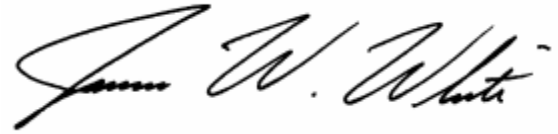
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- A not significant increase in revenue from the collection of additional civil penalties.
- Any state cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in expenditures.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the middle initial "W." and the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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